



AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1648

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 21, 2002**

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Commissioner:

Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered in the captioned patent application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. Applicants submit the foregoing amendments to place the case in even better condition for allowance or appeal.

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated October 21, 2002 for which the three-month date for response is January 21, 2002. Thus, the two-month date for a response to provoke an Advisory Action is December 23, 2002, because December 21, 2002 falls on a Saturday.